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REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4-12 are pending and Applicant is pleased to have secured allowance of claims 4-12. The Examiner has rejected Claim 2 as being unpatentable over Lang (US 6663455) as modified by Lovik (US 4848773) where Lang is cited for teaching an area 22 that can be marked with crayon or paint. To overcome the rejection, Applicant has amended Claim 2 to recite: "said blank, colorable area comprising a paper layer adhered to an exterior surface of said balloon body". Applicant believes that the prior art fails to teach such limitations or make such limitations obvious because Lang provides *a water-soluble coating* 22 and not a paper layer for forming the area 22 identified by the Examiner.


In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.


The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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